

CAT LICENSE BILL KILLED IN THE HOUSE

Senate Passed Bill Increasing Salaries of County Commissioners of New London County to \$1500 Per Year—Definite Decision Reached for Final Adjournment of the General Assembly on May 6.

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Hartford, April 17. — The house had been in session all day when Representative William A. King of Willimantic, the majority leader, made an announcement that the house would take a recess. In the interim the leader and chairmen of the several committees met in the speaker's room to consider the matter of expediting

Favorable report was made of an act which provides that any highway or bridge, or both, not maintained wholly or in part by the state in any year shall be subject to a tax of \$5,000,000 which shall have been damaged to an amount in excess of \$100,000. The bill also provides that no commercial motor vehicle or vehicles having a carrying capacity of

business. When the house session resumed Mr. King announced that decision had been reached that the business of the legislature be concluded on May 2 and that recess be taken to May 6 for final adjournment.

Mr. King also announced that it was desired that there be afternoon ses-

in order that members could attend the parade of the Twenty-sixth division in Boston. Notice was also given that all bills that carried appropriations, in order to receive consideration, must be with the appropriations committee by Tuesday next.

Representative Edward H. Bailey of Danbury, when the cat license bill was reached, said that if the legislators had given as much attention to other matters as they did this, the state of Connecticut would be given much better legislation than has been doled out by

the present general assembly. The members by their laughter treated the bill as a joke, but Mr. Bailey spoke seriously on the result of the bill and advocated its passage as a protection for birds, if for no other cause.

Representative Tammany of Easton moved the previous question, but it

Representative Rogers of Manchester said it was wrong to treat this bill as a joke, and that both sides ought to be heard.

Representative Gates of Old Saybrook spoke in opposition to the bill and while acknowledging that cats did

destroy some song birds and cited the purpose of the act as being only to protect the birds from the contractor. The bill was introduced for the purpose of relieving the contractor from penalties for delay and of compensating him for any loss, cost or damage that he may sustain by reason of such contract due to war conditions, but shall not give to such contractor any profit arising out of the war.

Representative Shaw of Redding said the joke period of the cat bill has come by and that the cats in his necktie caught more chickens than they did rats. The bill would materially lessen the cat population.

Representative Higgins of Coventry

"All cats coming under the provisions of this act shall be treated as follows: A space around the neck of each cat shall be shaved two or three inches wide, according to the length of said cat's fur; and said space shall be painted in accordance with the sex or

Any town, city or borough may, any meeting warned and held for such purpose, appropriate money from the treasury thereof for public celebrations or memorials in honor of soldiers.

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number of said cat. The state department of health may establish a bureau of cats, and may appoint a cat barber and a cat painter, and may formulate such rules and regulations to determine the sex of cats, select shades of colors to be used, and covering any other matter necessary and proper to the health of the state.

Representative Rogers of Manchester raised a point of order in that the amendment was not germane to the matter under discussion. If this were a sample of expediting legislative business, as suggested by the majority leader, he suggested that the chairman

Representative Christoph of East Windsor spoke strongly in opposition to the bill and told of the real good of custom.

Representative Geary of Waterford, after indulging in witticism, declared the matter under discussion was serious.

After the previous question had been called for, Mr. Atchison of Sherman arose to a point of order to make a

The bill was then rejected. The bill has been passed by the senate and therefore there is disagreeing action.

The committee on education reported favorably an act which provides

that the state board of education shall consist of the governor, lieutenant governor, ex-officio, and nine other members. Nominations shall be made at a conference of the chief executive officers and secretaries or clerks of town school committees, boards of school visitors and boards of education committee for relier in the Near East and now at Constantinople, took cognizance of the activities of the missionaries at the time and ordered them to cease or resign. One of the missionaries did stop propaganda work, as said, and the other since has the service of the board.

Another act provides that any town or city may, at its discretion, elect a president and a board of appointments, the president to be elected by the town or city and the board of appointments to be elected by the board of town or city. The president shall have the right to call a meeting of the board of appointments at any time and place. The board of appointments shall have the right to call a meeting of the town or city at any time and place. The board of appointments shall have the right to call a meeting of the town or city at any time and place. The board of appointments shall have the right to call a meeting of the town or city at any time and place.

may secure a state grant for schools for the school years ending July 14, 1920 and 1921, of \$3 per pupil in average attendance during the school year of July 14, 1918. No town shall receive the grant unless it has raised in taxes a sum not less than raised in any other town in the State.

The public health and safety committee reported unfavorably an act covering investigations by the state board of health. It was explained that the act, which was of an amendatory nature, did not amend.

The house concurred with the senate

to recall from the office of the engrossing clerk an act concerning the commitment of children to county homes. Messrs. King and Geary were appointed to the committee on the part of the house.

An act was passed under suspension

Old Saybrook, Conn., April 17.—L fishermen are to receive 35 cents per pound for roe shad this season and 40 cents per pound for buck, according to an agreement made with the wholesalers of New York and Boston today. These high prices

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plumbers. The state board of health is authorized to appoint a chief plumbing inspector and such number of deputies as may be deemed necessary. The state board is required to prescribe a minimum standard code to govern the installation of plumbing and house drainage.

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